



Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Police
Hunting Incident Report
FY 2001



Age (shooter or responsible person)	Two Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Under 10 years				
10-19 yrs.				3
20-29 yrs.		1		1
30-39 yrs.		1		3
40-49 yrs.				6
50-59 yrs.			1	
60 + yrs.				2
Totals		2	1	15

Causes	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Careless Handling				2
Fall From Tree Stand			1	13
Richochet		1		
Game Flew Between Victim and Shooter		1		
Totals		2	1	15

Distance From Victim to Shooter	Two-Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
0-10 yds.		
11-50 yds.		2
51 yds. & over		
Totals		2

Victim Wearing Hunter Orange	Two -Party	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Yes		2
No		
Totals		2

Weather	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Clear			1	11
Drizzle				1
Cloudy		2		2
Rain				1
		2	1	15

Species Hunted	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Deer		1	1	15
Pheasant		1		
Totals		2	1	15

Hunting Device Used	Two-Party		Self-Inflicted	
	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Fatal	Non-Fatal
Rifle				3
Muzzleloader			1	7
Shotgun		2		2
Bow				2
None				1
Totals		2	1	15

Synopsis

A 43 year old Washington County deer hunter fell 13 feet while exiting his tree stand. He stepped on a tree limb that broke. The victim received a broken back and fractured ribs. He was not wearing a safety harness. Non-fatal.

A 43 year old Dorchester County Sika Deer hunter fell 15 feet with his muzzleloader in hand when he fell asleep in his tree stand. He suffered cracked vertebrae. The victim claimed that his safety belt broke during the fall. Non-fatal.

A 25 year old Allegany County deer hunter fell 25 feet from a permanent stand on public property. The victim was not wearing a safety belt and sustained a broken neck resulting in being paralyzed from the neck down. Non-fatal.

A 29 year old Wicomico County deer hunter 25 feet when he was climbing out his tree stand. He removed his safety belt and stepped on a branch, which broke. He tried to grab his tree step, but was not able to hold on. Victim suffered a cut hand and lower back pain. Non-fatal.

A 48 year old Worcester County deer hunter fell 15 feet while entering a permanent tree stand. As he was climbing, his foot slipped off the rung of the ladder. As he grabbed for the edge of the tree stand, the nails and wood pulled out of the tree. Victim landed on his feet and sustained a broken knee, crushed ankle and sprained ankle. Non-fatal.

A 16 year old Kent County deer hunter was loading his muzzleloader and dropped the hammer on the cap. The resulting discharge went through the second toe on his left foot causing a partial amputation. Non-fatal.

A 56 year old Carroll County deer hunter fell from a 5 year old home made tree stand. The rusted nails holding a board gave way when the victim leaned against the board. The victim suffered numerous internal injuries. Fatal.

A 34 year old Somerset County deer hunter fell 15 feet while attempting to place his portable tree stand in a tree. Victim sustained broken ribs and numerous bruises and scratches. Non-fatal.

A 43 year old Garrett County deer hunter fell from a tree stand while exiting the stand with his son on youth hunter day. Victim sustained a broken heel. Non-fatal.

A 38 year old Frederick County deer hunter fell 15 feet while climbing into his tree stand. As the victim was entering the tree stand, the stand gave way. The victim was wearing a safety belt, but it did not catch until he was at ground level. Victim sustained a broke jaw and a concussion. Non-fatal.

Synopsis

A 41 year old Montgomery County deer hunter fell 15 feet while exiting her tree stand. The victim fell when a limb broke under her weight. Victim sustained a fractured wrist, elbow and pelvis. Non-fatal

A 65 year old Worcester County deer hunter fell 12 feet while exiting his tree stand. The victim grabbed a branch for leverage and the branch broke. He landed on his back, sustaining a broken pelvis and vertebrae. Non-fatal.

A 31 year old Somerset County deer hunter fell 20-25 feet while he was attempting to secure the stand to the tree. It appeared that the two braces that support the front of the stand had cracked, causing the stand to collapse. The victim was not wearing a safety harness. Victim sustained two broken ankles and compression fractures of his back. Non-fatal.

A 38 year old Dorchester County Sika Deer hunter was struck by 00 buckshot while driving deer. Several people in his hunting party shot at a deer in heavy cover which resulted in a ricochet. Victim received a wound through the soft tissue of his leg. Non-fatal.

A 14 year old Frederick County Deer hunter fell 12 feet while entering his tree stand. Victim sustained a sprained wrist. Non-fatal

A 17 year old Allegany County deer hunter put his muzzleloader against a tree. The muzzleloader slipped and started to slide down a steep, icy hill. The victim attempted to grab the firearm and fell on his hands and knees with the firearm in front of him. While sliding down the slope, the firearm discharged, resulting in a gunshot wound to the right arm. Non-fatal

A 62 year old Wicomico County deer hunter slipped on the top rung of the ladder while exiting his tree stand. The victim grabbed a tree branch, which broke. The fall resulted in back and leg injuries. Non-fatal.

A 42 year old Baltimore County hunting guide was shot by a member of his hunting party when a bird flew between the victim and the shooter. The victim was struck with 12 pellets in his chest, forearm, hand and thigh. Non-fatal.